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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, July 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe I. Copeland left this morning for the springs.

Our merchants are all going to Baltimore, Md., to buy goods in the near future. Crops are looking so fine until they think they want a big stock of goods for the fall trade.

Hullo, central! will be the go soon. Parties are rushing the erection of our 'phone line to a finish.

Mr. W. H. Ritter brought us a melon last week. Says he pulled 33 melons the same day that he brought melon to me, and the melon he gave to me was the smallest. It weighed 47 pounds. Says his crop of corn and cotton is in proportion to his melon crop.

Mr. Laurie Clayton has a very fine all round crop. Says that is all he had to pet this year, but that there will be a change another year there is no doubt, as the life of an old widower is too much for him to contend with, and, too, there are so many fine looking young ladies around here that would make good house keepers for him.

Rev. D. B. Groseclose will hold three days' meeting at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church next Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Several are thinking of taking in the special trip offered to the public next month to Niagara Falls and other places of importance. Will be a grand trip for those who can afford the pleasure.

Prof. Chas. J. Shealy left for his home the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Farrell left for a trip last week.

Messrs. Geo. H. Folk and Geo. F. Lightsey gave me some very fine peaches, in fact as large, pretty, juicy, and well flavored as I have ever tasted. The only improvement on them would be more peaches.

JEE.

### Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, July 22.—On the evening of the 19th a gay crowd assembled in Harter's hall for a dance. Quite a number of visitors were present, and all things combined to make the occasion pleasant, and long to be remembered by our young folks. Among some of the visiting guests were: Misses Johnson, Estill; Helen Himrod, Erie, Pa.; Rosa Peeples, Estill; Madge Middleton, Savannah; Misses Terry, Barton, Helen Rice, Baltimore; Marie Rouse, Brunson.

Miss Mell Kearse, of Olar, is brightening us all up with her sunny smiles and winning ways. She is visiting Mrs. Julia Harter. The new pastor, Rev. F. L. Glennan, and his accomplished wife, are also here guests. Mrs. Glennan sung in Trinity Methodist church choir in Columbia and is charming all here with her sweet voice.

Miss Lila Barber is spending time in Williston.

Sadie Harter has returned from a pleasant visit to Columbia.

The Misses Youmans and their guest, Miss Savage, have gone to Orangeburg to visit Miss Zimmerman.

Miss Ola Ballentine and sister have returned to Columbia.

Miss Claudia O'Neal has returned after a pleasant stay of several weeks in Bamberg.

Mr. Grover Sanders, of Ulmer, visited relatives here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Green Ayer are visiting their sister, Mrs. A. M. Williams. The latter lady has just returned from a visit to her father, near Bamberg. She also attended the large protracted meeting at St. John's.

Miss Nora Morgan, of Clio, Ga., is a guest of Mrs. Compton. Her brother, Mr. L. J. Morgan, of Pineview, Ga., visited her recently.

The Misses Thomas visited Mrs. Angus Williams recently.

The fine large brick store of W. E. Harter is completed, and he has moved his goods.

Mrs. Ella Murdaugh, of Columbia, is visiting Mrs. W. E. Harter.

### Left All to Himself.

A spectacle which has not been seen for years, if ever, was exhibited in the Senate, says a Washington dispatch, on the reciprocity "debate" Friday, when for nearly ten minutes Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, who was concluding his speech begun Thursday in opposition to the pact, was the only senator on the floor.

## THAT COLLETON RUMPUS.

Correspondent Vigorously Upholds Good Name of the Beach Section.

To the Editor of The News and Courier: In yesterday's News and Courier appears Mr. S. E. Boney's report of the Zeigler rampages, and Mr. Boney says the hard feeling existed principally in the Beach section, where the church of the Adventist is situated, etc. The party giving Mr. Boney this information may not have known he was telling a falsehood, but he told one. There is not a Beach living anywhere near the church; not a Beach belongs to this church; not a Beach was at this church when this outrageous matter occurred; not a Beach was at the trial in the magistrate's court. As a matter of fact, the Beach neighborhood is not even in the same township, it being demarcated by one of the largest swamps in the county, miles off.

This Adventist church is situated on the banks of what is known all over the county as Hell Hole, near Walterboro. I never have in my life (and am not young) heard of a sheriff or a magistrate or their help making an official visit to the "Beach neighborhood." Please correct this statement, as it is a direct reflection on us who constitute the Beach vicinity and are in perfect harmony with all mankind. E. C. BEACH. Walterboro, S. C., July 21.

### Kearse Dots.

Kearse, July 24.—Kearse has been quiet for a while, but just a few dots for The Herald this week for a change.

"Old Timer" is just home from a trip to Georgia. A business trip he says, but I fear he was anticipating some pleasure along with his business, for he wore off too big a smile for all to be business. We haven't heard from him yet since his return, but we are expecting him to give us a few dots next week on the social and business life in Georgia at present.

Miss Mell Kearse returned home Friday from a few days' visit at the home of Miss Essie Williams at Estill.

Mrs. Manning Johnson, of Ellenton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brabham.

One of the most enjoyable picnics of the season was the one given in honor of Miss Jones, of Newberry, on the banks of old Saltkeatchie last Friday. There were only a few present, we may say about thirty in number, but should you take the fuss and merriment into consideration, you may double that number. A bountiful dinner was spread about 1 o'clock under the oaks on the ground and due respect paid same by the jolly crowd whose appetites had been sharpened by considerable exercise.

The Kearse local band furnished us some splendid music in the afternoon, which added more pleasure to the occasion. Now for the stream for a swim, dive, and we might say, a "sink," as most of the participants were professionals at the business. There is always too much to be seen on the bottom for "Three Mile Creek" swimmers to spend all their time on top of the water. "He who seeks pearls must dive below."

Next came the ice cream, cake, Next came ice cream, cake, peaches, plums, apples, and water melons. My, what a feast! One of the melons cut weighed 61 pounds. It was grown by Mr. P. M. Kearse. Try and see if you can't grow one weighing 75 pounds next season, P. M., if you are going to let the "Saltkeatchie picnics" help eat it.

Big improvements are being made on White Point school building. A new front is being added, and when completed the ladies of the neighborhood are going to have it painted. I know our teacher for the coming session will wear a "Sunny Jim" smile to see so comfortable a building as her winter abode.

Miss Annie Jones, of Newberry, is the guest of Miss Aline Kearse.

Mrs. G. E. Kearse entertained last Saturday evening by giving an "Old Maid's" party. The programme consisted mostly of music rendered by the still hopeful spinsters of "Three Mile." Some of the vocal numbers were "If I Only Had a Sweetheart," and "Love Me and the World is Mine," sung with so much pathos and heartrending strains until it seems as if they could rekindle the dormant flames of love in some bachelor's heart. Those present were: Misses Aline Kearse, Alice Kearse, Cressida Breland, Miss Jones, Mell Kearse, Ettie Kearse; Messrs. John Frank Breland, Julius Folk, Ewart Brabham, Stacy Kearse.

A single grain of indigo will color a ton of water.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The 13th license was issued to an Orangeburg couple on Friday and they are to be married the 23rd.

Louis C. Levin, a life long resident of Columbia, and Confederate Veteran died on Friday of heart trouble.

Seboarn Self, a white man of Lancaster, fell into a well fifty-two feet deep on Thursday and escaped with only a few bruises.

Samuel McConnell, of Anderson, aged fifty, was badly hurt on Saturday in an automobile accident. His skull was fractured and a large piece was taken out by surgeons. He may get well.

A game of baseball was played at Orangeburg on Saturday between men and women, for the benefit of the Eutaw chapter, D. A. R., and the men were ungallant enough to win by a score of seven to six.

The Jonesville Manufacturing company plant will be sold before the court house at Union on August 9th. The plant consists of a cotton mill of 15,000 spindles and 400 looms, a knitting mill and 108 acres of land.

About five hundred names have been signed to a petition asking for a special term of the court in Anderson to try Samuel N. Hyde, who murdered his wife and her father. The regular term meets late in September.

The Lutheran Sunday-school normal of South Carolina will meet in the city of Florence the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August. There will be about seventy-five delegates present and they will be entertained by the people of Florence.

Mrs. Caroline Aiken Robertson, wife of McBride C. Robertson, fell down the elevator shaft at the Loan and Exchange bank in Columbia on Saturday and was killed. She leaves two daughters who are students at the College for Women.

Lawrence Hester and Max Arnold, young men of Greenwood, will leave in a few days for North Dakota to work in the immense wheat fields of that State. The object is threefold—to make money and to get the experience and see something of the world.

At a meeting of the State board of education last Friday, the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company declined to sign the contract which had been awarded that firm for readers, so the readers of D. C. Heath & Co. were adopted. The board has \$1,000 cash bond on deposit from the Johnson house, which will be forfeited to the State and go to the school fund.

### Denmark Social News.

Denmark, July 22.—Mrs. W. E. Osteen and children, of Florence are visiting Mrs. Osteen's father, H. C. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Martin have returned from a pleasant stay in Savannah. They were accompanied by Mrs. Martin's niece, Miss Marguerite McMillan.

Mrs. M. E. Hartzog is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. Gilmore Simms, of Barnwell.

Miss Sadelle Raysor, of St. Matthews, is the guest of the Misses Riley.

Mrs. Carroll, of Chester, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Rice.

Mrs. E. H. Beckham and Misses Nell and Belle Beckham, of Johnston, are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. K. Martin.

Miss Gertrude Riley, of St. Matthews, is spending two weeks with relatives here.

### NOTED MOUNTAINEER DEAD.

Man Arrested After Goebel Murder Not Assassinated.

Morgantown, Ky., July 24.—Harlan Whitaker, whose name became known throughout the State by reason of his arrest in connection with the murder of Gov. William Goebel, was found dead in a thicket on his farm, near this place, shortly before 12 o'clock. Death is said to have been caused by heart trouble.

A coroner's jury passed upon the case at 2 o'clock, and returned a verdict of death from natural causes, although rumor had it that he had been assassinated.

Whitaker was found by his wife after a search of several hours.

The Kelly guaranteed axes and tools at Hunter's hardware store.

## HELD FOR MURDER.

Young Beattie Sent to Henrico County Jail.

Richmond, Va., July 22.—Accused by the coroner's jury of the murder of his wife, young Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., to-night is in the Henrico county jail in this city, still smoking cigarettes. He calmly insists upon the truth of the story he told last Tuesday night, when he drove his automobile into Richmond from the Midlothian turnpike, holding the blood-stained body of his dead wife in his arms. Seventeen-year-old Beulah Binford, the pretty little girl whose relations with Beattie are believed to have led to the tragedy, and Paul D. Beattie, cousin of the accused, who testified at the coroner's inquest to-day that he bought for Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., the shotgun with which the killing was done, are held in jail as witnesses, the police refusing to release them except under heavy bonds.

### Public Aroused.

Public feeling has been so aroused by the developments in the tragedy that the authorities were afraid to keep Beattie in the Chesterfield county jail after the coroner's jury this afternoon returned its verdict placing the crime upon him.

Rearresting the young man on the charge of murder, the police hurried him into Richmond. Before Magistrate Jacobs, he waived the preliminary examination and he was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

In other cells in the same prison Paul Beattie and Beulah Binford were locked up.

The inquest proceedings this afternoon were sensational in the extreme. The hearing yesterday afternoon, culminating in the arrest of Beattie on the charge, the public has been expecting the police to make for two days, excited popular feeling to such a pitch that the police reserves were ordered out to maintain order to-day. The crowd surged about and muttered, but there was no attempt to harm the prisoner or interfere with the proceedings.

### Cousin Exhausted.

Paul Beattie, exhausted from the convulsions which seized him when arrested yesterday, was the chief witness before the inquest to-day. While telling how, at Henry Beattie's request and with money furnished by the latter, he bought the gun with which Mrs. Louis Beattie was killed, the witness fainted. Physicians were summoned and he was revived after 15 minutes.

The cousin's testimony, forming the missing link of the chain of circumstantial evidence forged by the detectives satisfied the jury. At 3:55 to-day a verdict was returned to the effect that Mrs. Beattie's death resulted from a gunshot wound fired by her husband.

### Tells of the Gun.

"It looks like the one I bought. I bought it last Saturday afternoon."

"The crime occurred on Tuesday night of this week," said Mr. Wendenburg. "You mean that you bought this gun on the Saturday previous to that?"

"Yes, last Saturday."

"Well, tell all about it—how did you come to buy it?"

### Tells the Story.

"My cousin, Henry Beattie, called me up one afternoon and asked me to meet him at Short and Main streets and I met him there, and he asked me to get him a shotgun. He did not tell me what for, and I did not think there was any harm in buying it. I went over to Beattie's store on Saturday night and told him I had picked out one, and he came over in his automobile on Saturday night and got it. We left the Beattie store at 10 o'clock Saturday night. He stopped the car on Sixth street, this side of Broad, to fix the lights, and asked me to go on over to the pawnshop and get the gun, and I did."

Suddenly the witness showed signs of collapsing. He asked the lawyers to wait. Quickly he became dazed. He would have fallen from his chair had not several persons rushed forward to him. They carried Paul into the house. He was on the verge of another total collapse like that he had yesterday.

As Paul was carried into the house Henry Beattie, Jr., lighted a cigarette and entered into conversation with his father.

After Paul had revived and returned to the stand he related a number of facts and details regarding his personal history. He also denied that he had been requested to maintain secrecy regarding the shotgun transaction.

## RATES WILL BE PROBED.

### RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS AN INVESTIGATION.

Date for Hearing Will be Announced Later—Ask Important Information Regarding Operations.

The railroad commission of South Carolina will investigate the express rate situation in this State.

An order was issued last Friday to the Southern Express company calling for information regarding its operations. This is the first investigation of this kind held in this State, and will be sweeping in its nature, according to members of the commission. It is stated that the investigation will be held for the purpose of determining if the rates are excessive and if the rules and practices of the company are unquestionable.

### Many Complaints.

Members of the commission state that many complaints as to the operations and business of the Southern Express company have been received, and that the commission has not been in a position to determine whether or not the complaints are justified, and the investigation will be held for the purpose of securing accurate and definite information. It is stated that a general fight will be waged during the year by all of the railroad commissions in the United States, in conjunction with the interstate commerce commission, for the purpose of reducing the express rates over all lines, this matter having been already decided. The question of reducing express rates was also discussed at the annual convention of the attorneys general of the several States, held in June at Salt Lake City, Utah.

### To Order Hearing.

Following the order to the commission calling for information on the question of express rates, it is very likely that the commission will issue an order fixing the date for the hearing to be held. The commission has been at work for several months gathering information on the question of express rates, and has also been in correspondence with other railroad commissions of the United States, and much information has been obtained.

### Order Issued.

The first order of the commission was issued last Friday to C. L. Loop, of Chattanooga, vice president of the Southern Express company, and is as follows:

"The general statutes of South Carolina (1902, section 2220) place express companies operating in this State under the control of the commission, and declare that all powers given the said commission over railroads in this State shall apply to express companies. Section 2079 (G. S., 1902) authorizes the commission to make investigations voluntarily."

"Therefore it is ordered that you furnish this commission, under oath, with the following information, not later than September 4, 1911:

"Value of real estate and buildings owned by you within the State of South Carolina and where located.

"Value of horses, vehicles, safes and other equipment, including office fixtures, within the State of South Carolina; giving detailed list of same and showing where located.

"Show gross revenue from intrastate business in South Carolina, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910: Freight traffic, money traffic, money orders, checks, etc.; C. O. D. collections, receipts from mail express and other income; total gross receipts.

"Show actual expenses for conducting intrastate business in South Carolina; amount paid to railroads for express privileges; labor and clerical expenses; general office expenses; taxes and licenses; depreciation of property; other expenses.

"Furnish a copy of your last annual report to your shareholders."

### More Exports Than Imports.

Washington, July 23.—A review of the foreign trade of the United States during the last twelve months shows a steady increase in commercial goods with India and the Orient. Exports from the United States to Canada jumped from \$216,000,000 to \$270,000,000, and imports from Canada increased from \$95,000,000 to \$101,000,000. A comparative increase in business with China and Japan also is evident.

This country's foreign commerce for the fiscal year showed a marked decrease in imports and increase in exports. The balance of trade, therefore, was steadily in favor of the United States and American bankers have found enlarged gold balances to draw upon in the European money centre. Great Britain still is a American's best customer.

## MEETING FOR NEGROES.

Rev. Richard Carroll Held Tent Meeting at Ulmers.

Ulmers, July 24.—Rev. Richard Carroll has been conducting a meeting under a big tent near here on George P. Booth's plantation. The crowds were large day and night during the whole of last week. Last Thursday the crowd was estimated at 3,000.

The white farmers of the neighborhood offered any financial assistance that might be needed, but the people were so pleased with the meeting that they raised all expenses, making liberal donations to the speakers assisting in the meeting. These were Rev. R. F. Lee and Rev. John Myers, of Columbia, and Rev. J. W. Faust, of Bamberg.

The tent was shipped from Ulmers to Ridgeway, and Sunday there was a large attendance.

### TIED OF LIVING.

J. Edward Posey, of Graniteville, Missing for Several Days.

Aiken, July 21.—The relatives and friends of J. Edward Posey, a young undertaker of Graniteville, are disturbed over his sudden disappearance several days ago. Tuesday he left Graniteville, and no definite information of his whereabouts has yet been ascertained. A letter is said to have been received by mail by a member of his family, saying in substance that he was tired of living and that he would drown himself in one of the ponds of Horsecreek valley. As a consequence the Graniteville pond has been dragged in an effort to find his body. Since then it is said that the young man has been seen in Augusta, but definite information of this can not be secured, and while it is not thought now that he did take his life, his friends attribute his sudden disappearance to business troubles.

A few days ago it is known that he had a note to become due at one of the Aiken banks, and it is said that he paid this note with a check on another bank, and that when the bank received the check it was turned down for lack of funds. A search of the records at the court house shows that Mr. Posey did have a mortgage satisfied on July 15, payable to the First National Bank of Aiken. The mortgage was regularly satisfied, and the satisfaction recorded on the same day it was paid. The amount of the mortgage is \$678.25.

When it became known that he had written a letter intimating suicide it created a sensation in Graniteville and Aiken, where Mr. Posey is well known and generally esteemed. He is a hard-working young man about 30 years old. He is married, and his young wife is almost prostrated with grief.

Mr. Posey is a member of the firm of J. M. Posey & Sons, of Graniteville. The firm is considered one of the most prosperous in that section and does a furniture and undertaking business.

While it is not now believed that he made away with himself, his friends and family are much concerned as to Mr. Posey's whereabouts. It is stated that the check will be satisfied and that no criminal proceedings will be instituted. It is further stated that the mills closing down in the valley caused a depression in all the business houses there.

### Five Negroes Held.

Spartanburg, July 24.—Five negroes were committed to jail to-day as accessories to an alleged murder, in which the victim, Nellie Landers, a negro woman was burned to death. Mattie Russell, also a negress, will also be committed to jail in connection with the affair, as, according to the testimony taken at the coroner's inquest, she broke a lamp over Nellie's head, causing the burns which resulted in Nellie's death Sunday. The men in the jail are Hampton McKinney, Ferdinand Knuckles, Harold Stevens, Teet McKinney and Will Spencer.

There was a negro frolic in the woods near Cherokee Springs last Friday night. All of those concerned in Nellie Landers' death were there. In an ante-mortem statement Nellie said that the party started to play a gambling game called "skin." She declined to play. Mattie Russell urged her to play, telling her she never would make any money unless she took a chance. Nellie said she replied that she never did want to make money by gambling.

Nellie Landers is the sixth negro victim of a homicide in Spartanburg county in seven weeks.

5 or 6 doses "666" will cure any case of Chills and Fever. Price, 25c.